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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Out of the 46 appointments reserved for War Service candidates, 15 have been de-reserved and in those 15 vacancies, senior civilian candidates who were undergoing probation in that cadre were confirmed."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Can the Government give us a list of those 31 War Service candidates? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would suggest to the hon. Member to put a separate question."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, who is the appointing authority to these posts, whether it is the High Court or the Public Service Commission? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is the Public Service Commission, Sir."

Producer-cum-Consumer Co-operative Societies.

* 82 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) (i) the districts in which the Producer-*cum*-Consumer Societies were established in the year 1946–47;

(ii) the dates on which they were incorporated and liquidated or closed;

(*b*) how much foodgrains had been procured by them during each calendar month of their existence and what the corresponding procurement was in the previous year in each district;

(*c*) what quantity was retained in the districts concerned for internal consumption and what quantity was exported to other deficit districts in each of the two years;

(*d*) what was the profit earned by the Producer-*cum*-Consumer Societies in each district during each calendar month of their existence and also during the entire period of their existence; and

(*e*) whether in the case of those Producer-*cum*-Consumer Societies, which could not procure satisfactorily, the Revenue Department co-operated with them and rendered necessary assistance in the matter of procurement?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" An answer [a] to the question is placed on the table of the House."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know the reason, Sir, why the profit in the Malabar district from the Producer-*cum*-Consumer Co-operative Societies is the highest and that it is lower in other districts? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" That is because the societies in Malabar have been working for a longer period, for nearly one year."

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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know from the Government what the recommendations of the Committee are with regard to the future of these societies in the four districts? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The report of the Committee has been received and it is under the consideration of the Government."

Distribution of sugar in the Chingleput district.

* 83 Q.—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the distribution of sugar in the Chingleput district has been entrusted to the Village Food Committees;

(*b*) if so, whether it is a fact that these Village Food Committees are considerably handicapped in distribution work on account of orders passed by Government or the Revenue Board or the Collector granting special quotas of sugar either to individuals or to institutions from the quotas sent to the Village Food Committees; and

(*c*) if so, what action the Government propose to take to see that Village Food Committees are recouped to that extent to enable them to distribute sugar to the general public?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) No.

" (*c*) Does not arise."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know from the Government, Sir, whether the allotments made by the village committees are subject to ratification by any higher authority or whether they are final? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Generally they are final but in cases where bulk allotments have to be made, the Revenue Divisional Officer may give his opinion, but the matter will not be generally interfered with."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is not a fact that the Collector and the Board of Revenue grant special quotas of sugar to institutions or individuals? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" As far as I am aware, they do not do so. But, if the hon. Member wants further information, I can call for it."

SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" May I ask the Hon. the Minister whether the distribution of sugar in the several districts is left entirely to the Revenue Department? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is left generally to the Collectors of the districts and they make the allotments. Sometimes, they are helped by the Revenue Divisional Officers with regard to these allotments."